पोटाश का कोई स्वदेशी उत्पादन नहीं है क्योंकि देश में इस पोषक का कोई ज्ञात एवं वाणिज्यिक रूप से व्यवहार्य स्रोत नहीं है।

(ग) देश में उर्वरकों के उत्पादन के लिए आवश्यक कच्चे मालों एवं फीडस्टाक की उपलब्धता में प्रतिबन्धों के अन्तर्गत नई क्षमताओं के निर्माण अथवा वर्तमान क्षमताओं के विस्तारण के लिए हर प्रयास किए गए हैं। उर्वरक कम्पनियों को आवश्यक कच्चे मालों और फीडस्टाक से सम्पन्न अन्य देशों में संयुक्त उद्यम स्थापित करने के लिए भी प्रोत्साहित किया गया है।

Long term of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited

2882. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. has prepared a comprehensive long term plan to become an integrated producer of vital farm inputs and expand its presence in the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether IFFCO propose to promote a company under the name of IFFCO-AGRO-CHEM LTD. to set up a Rs. 30 crore unit to produce technical grade pesticides;

(d) whether the plan also include a project for doubling the capacity of Aonla fertilizer project in the country; and

(e) if so, the name of location where the said project is to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. M/s Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) has a comprehensive long term plan to produce other farm inputs such as seeds and pesticides, besides fertilizers. IFFCO has already undertaken the seed multiplication programme. It also has plans to promote a new company under the name of "IFFCO AGROCHEM LTD." for manufacture and distribution of technical grade pesticides, at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.94 crores.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. IFFCO is implementing a project for doubling the capacity of its ammonia-urea plant at Aonla, Disst. Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh)

Hike in the price of Industrial Alcohol

2883. SHRI S. VIDUTHALA VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the industries using the industrial alcohol are suffering heavily due to price rise of this raw material after decontrol policy was announced.

(b) if so what remedial action Government has taken or propose to take to curb the price rise in the industries mentioned above; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Alcohol based Chemicals Industries have represented to the Government that they are under strain due to high price of molasses and alcohol prevailing in the market.

(b) and (c) The Government have reduced import duty on molasses from 65 per cent to 10 per cent and on denatured alcohol required for industrial use from 105 per cent to 10 per cent to make them available at competitive international prices.

Gap between the retention and sales price of fertilizers

2384. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gap between the retention price and the sales price of fertilizers has been increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the implication of such increasing gap on the economy; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The gap between the retention price c.i.e. the cost of production plus the return on networth as assessed by the Government for individual units) of the controlled fertilizers and the statutorily notified sale price is paid by the Government as subsidy. While in the case of individual plants there are instances of reduction in this gap, on overall basis the gap is on the increase because of increased cost of production and non-adjustment in full of these increases in the sale price to the farmers.

To contain the mounting subsidy bill, all phosphatic and potassic fertilizers were decontrolled w.e.f. 25.8.1992. Further, the price of urea was increased by 91 per cent w.e.f. 10.6.1994 and simultaneously low analysis nitrogenous fertilizers were removed from the price control.

Subsidy on Imported Urea

2885. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is likely to be a shortfall in due payment of subsidy on imported Urea in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the estimated amount thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which the shortfall is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALERO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Payment of Commission to Bulk purchasers by NFL

2886. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the system of payment of commission to bulk purchasers and dealers being practised in the NFL;

(b) the total amount of commission paid by NFL to the bulk purchasers and dealers separately during the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) the norms followed by the individuals/firms among the bulk purchasers together with the commission paid to each of them in the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively;

(d) the functions of the bulk purchasers and the criteria for fixing their commission; and

(e) whether the category of bulk purchasers exists in the other Government owned/cooperative sector fertiliser companies in the country, if so, the norms of the other companies practising this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO): (a) to (e) Information is being collected.

Gap between demand and supply of fertilizers

2887. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between demand and supply of fertilizers in the country;

(b) the reason for the gap;

(c) the installed capacity of fertilizer industry in public, private and cooperative sectors;